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## Monthly Breakouts

Volume Gainer	TSX: BTO
Price Gainer %	TSXV: GQC
Price Gainer \$	TSX: AGI
Gainer MOM	TSXV: GQC
Gainer YOY	TSX: RIO

## Top Insider Trades

TSXV: ROG	2.1 million
TSX: RIO	0.8 million
TSX: TMM	-0.7 million

## Index Overview

Number of Companies	20
Market Cap (Mill)	8,559
Monthly % change (+/-)	17.2%
Dividend Yield	0.7%

## Monthly Market Cap Gainers

Company	Ticker	% Change
GoldQuest Mining Corp	GQC	87%
Argonaut Gold Inc	AR	70%
Sandspring Resources Ltd	SSP	63%
Timmins Gold Corp	TMM	33%
Romarco Minerals Inc	R	29%

## Top 5 Market Cap Gainers (YTD)

Company	Ticker	% Change
Rio Alto Mining Ltd	RIO	225%
Roxgold Inc	ROG	176%
Guyana Goldfields Inc	GUY	120%
Dalradian Resources Inc	DNA	85%
Romarco Minerals Inc	R	68%

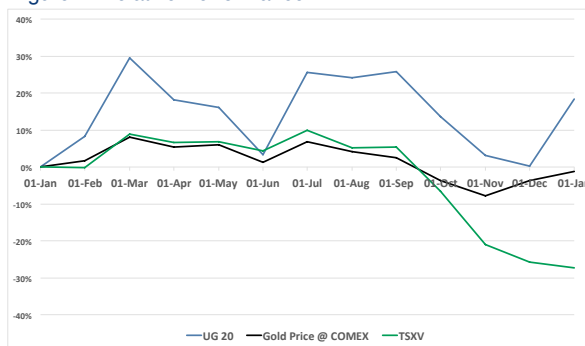
## Commodity Snapshot (Jan 09, 2014)

<b>Gold</b>	
Current price, \$/oz	1,223.3
Monthly Change	2.6%
Year Change	-2.0%
<b>Silver</b>	
Current price (\$/oz)	16.5
Monthly Change	1.3%
Year Change	-18.1%
<b>Copper</b>	
Current price (\$/t)	6,090.0
Monthly Change	-5.6%
Year Change	-16.6%

## How We Did

The UG20 index surged an impressive 17% during the past month, ending January 9, 2015 and outperformed the TSXV Index, which slipped 2%, ending the month at 687.21 (near its lowest price in the last 10 years). This drop has been predominantly due to its large weighting towards resources, with over 30% of the index's companies being in the energy sector. The WTI crude tumbled 26.5% in the past month. The UG20 also outperformed gold as the precious metal rose only 2.6% during the month. On a yearly basis, the UG20 index returned 18.3% vis-à-vis gold, (-1.1%) and the TSXV (-27.3%).

Figure 1. Relative Performance



Source: Ubika Research

The unexpected decline in the U.S. wages (despite the huge growth in U.S. jobs data) weakened the dollar and thus increased the safe haven appeal of gold. The wage decline also raised the possibility of a delay in a future interest rate increase by the Fed, which bode well for the non-interest bearing assets such as gold. It seems that these two factors more than offset the downward pressure on gold due to declining crude oil prices which reduces the gold's appeal as an inflation hedge.

In a normal situation, a drop in the crude oil price has the opposite effect on gold, but in the current environment of an increased possibility of protracted low crude oil prices, funds may migrate from the financial markets and oil-exporting countries to safer assets such as gold.

## Highlights

The UG20 constituent companies showed outstanding performances for the month with 18 companies ending in positive territory (16 reporting double-digit growth) and the remaining two closing in the red.

Our top performer for the month was GoldQuest Mining Corp. (TSXV: GQC) which gained 86.7% on the improved gold outlook and the grant of new concessions (1,151 hectares), Los Gajitos and Las Tres Veredas, surrounding its Romero Gold/Copper Project, in the Dominican Republic. Other stocks that gained more than 50% are Argonaut Gold Inc. (TSX: AR), 70.4% and Sandspring Resources Ltd. (TSXV: SSP), 62.5%.

Rio Alto Mining Ltd (TSX:RIO) maintained its top position as the top market cap gainer in 2014 and so far in 2015. The market has taken well to its acquisition of Sulliden Gold Corporation Ltd (TSX:SUE) in August.

## The Month Ahead

In the coming month we can expect the gold price to remain above \$1,200 on the risk of a Grexit (Greek exit from Euro) which can knock down the European markets and increase the safe haven appeal of gold. Meanwhile the uncertainty surrounding the ECB meeting on monetary easing next week could also prop up the gold price.

In the medium term we anticipate continued weakness for gold in 2015. Any major declines below \$1,100 will likely be short lived due to the cost structure of most mines and demand & supply dynamics in relative equilibrium. The main reason for our view is a strong dollar and better risk reward ratios from other asset classes. It is worth noting that the lower oil price should be beneficial to the cost structure of all mining companies, helping to increase their margins and bottom lines.

Table 1. Ubika Gold 20 Weekly Performances

Name	Symbol	Price	Mkt Cap (M)	Change MOM
Alacer Gold Corp	ASR	\$2.73	\$793	16.2%
Alamos Gold Inc	AGI	\$9.49	\$1,209	16.0%
Argonaut Gold Inc	AR	\$2.76	\$425	70.4%
B2Gold Corp	BTO	\$2.32	\$2,129	19.6%
Dalradian Resources Inc	DNA	\$0.77	\$108	24.2%
Endeavour Mining Corp	EDV	\$0.52	\$215	13.0%
GoldQuest Mining Corp	GQC	\$0.14	\$20	86.7%
Guyana Goldfields Inc	GUY	\$3.03	\$456	4.5%
Kirkland Lake Gold Inc	KGI	\$3.73	\$269	6.3%
Luna Gold Corp	LGC	\$0.33	\$47	-17.5%
Lydian International Ltd	LYD	\$0.54	\$82	-3.6%
Pilot Gold Inc	PLG	\$0.99	\$106	26.9%
Premier Gold Mines Ltd	PG	\$2.18	\$347	11.2%
Rio Alto Mining Ltd	RIO	\$3.06	\$1,017	13.4%
Romarco Minerals Inc	R	\$0.57	\$413	29.0%
Roxgold Inc	ROG	\$0.62	\$178	12.7%
Rubicon Minerals Corp	RMX	\$1.25	\$463	16.8%
Sandspring Resources Ltd	SSP	\$0.13	\$19	62.5%
Timmins Gold Corp	TMM	\$1.31	\$236	33.2%
Treasury Metals Inc	TML	\$0.37	\$28	18.7%
Ubika Gold 20			\$95	17.2%
TSXV			\$687	-2.1%
Gold Comex			\$1,223	2.6%

\* Month-over-month Source: Ubika Research

## In the News

- January 7, 2015: Rubicon's Infill drilling program confirms continuity and grade of the F2 deposit and continues to encounter high-grade mineralization in sparsely-drilled areas.
- January 6, 2015: GoldQuest granted new concessions surrounding its Romero Gold/Copper Project, Dominican Republic.
- December 24, 2014: Timmins Gold completes its acquisition of Caballo Blanco gold project.
- December 18, 2014: Alacer Gold increases the heap leach pad capacity by 14% at its Copley Gold mine.
- December 18, 2014: Romarco announces the closing of a C\$32 million non-brokered private placement.
- December 16, 2014: Treasury Metals closes an equity financing for aggregate gross proceeds of \$800,000.
- December 15, 2014: Alacer Gold announced the commissioning of Sulfidization, Acidification, Recycling and Thickening ("SART") facility and shipped 115 wet tonnes of copper concentrate to Metalkim Smelter in Istanbul, Turkey.
- December 11, 2014: B2Gold announce the first gold pour at its Otjikoto Gold Mine in Namibia, ahead of schedule.

### About the Index

For most small cap investors there is a lack of good quality, widely available research and information on promising junior gold exploration companies. Ubika Research is filling this gap by offering quality information and research on small cap companies. The release of the Ubika Gold 20 Index is a continuation of our commitment to provide high quality research and information to small cap investors.

In selecting the companies, we have used a combination of qualitative and quantitative methodologies. Index constituents, generally have certain market based criteria including, market capitalization between \$2 billion and \$25 million, three month average daily trading value above \$100,000 and a price above \$0.25.

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